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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apple prices, with the exception of Winesaps, were mostly higher on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, April 6, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Albemarle Pippins were from 7 cents to 82 cents higher or about 50 cents on the average. High grade Virginia Ben Davis sold at better prices than last week but the lower grades declined in price. Stocks amounted to 11,000 barrels of which 8,757 were offered at auction. Supplies of Albemarle Pippins and Baldwins were light whereas other varieties were in very light supply. Demand was moderate for Virginia apples but good for New York Baldwins and Ben Davis. The general condition of the fruit was good. Boxed supplies were moderate, about 29,000 being offered at the auction. Inquiry was dull on high grade stock and a considerable quantity was withheld for next week's sale. This was especially true of Winesaps and consequently the prices received, owing to the withdrawals, did not represent the true market condition. Prices ruled about the same for Winesaps but somewhat lower for Newtowns than last week.

Demand was active for the light supplies of high grade, barreled apples at London. The condition was good with the exception of some scald. Albemarle Pippins made somewhat higher prices than last week whereas barreled Winesaps were slightly lower. A few Virginia Staymans and Rome Beauties were offered in baskets. These met with a good inquiry. U. S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch Staymans sold at \$1.61 to \$1.71 per basket. The same size and grade of Rome Beauties made around \$1.90. There was a good demand for the very light supplies of Virginia Ben Davis packed in tray boxes. U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and also the 3 inch size sold at about \$1.61 per tray box. Boxed apple stocks were liberal and prices were about the same as last week. Mr. Motz reports that the demand is now turning toward the new crop which is arriving from Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Chile. The condition of the Southern Hemisphere fruit is excellent. Prices for some of the more important varieties have been included in this report.

The 1932 Brazilian orange crop is now estimated to be about the same as the crop of last season. Exports are expected to reach 1,750,000 boxes. The increase over earlier estimates is accounted for by the increase in bearing acreage.

UNITED KINGDOM: Arrivals of fruit, week ended March 29, and April 5,
and the arrivals expected for the week ending April 12, 1932

Fruit and country of origin	Week ended		
	March 29	April 5	April 12
Apples - Barrels - United States and Canada:	42,400	19,000	10,300
Boxes " " " "	156,600	76,700	88,000
Baskets " " " "	3,100	500	-
Boxes - Australia.....	60	12,000	31,000
Boxes - New Zealand.....	13,000	38,000	-
Boxes - South Africa.....	9,000	7,000	3,000
Boxes - Argentina.....	1,500	400	-
Boxes - Chile.....	-	1,600	-
Bananas - Bunches - Jamaica.....	168,000	161,000	235,000
Bunches - Central America.....	91,000	51,000	98,000
Bunches - Brazil.....	55,000	43,000	33,000
Crates - Canary Islands.....	6,000	6,000	17,000
Grapefruit - Boxes - Jamaica.....	1,200	300	-
Boxes - United States.....	6,000	19,000	15,000
Boxes - Porto Rico.....	1,500	4,000	1,500
Boxes - Cuba.....	-	1,100	-
Grapes - Packages - South Africa.....	53,000	63,000	67,000
Packages - Argentina.....	11,000	8,000	12,000
Oranges - Boxes - Palestine.....	156,000	119,000	55,000
Half cases (110 pounds) Spain.....	213,000	150,000	140,000
Pears - Packages - South Africa.....	42,000	39,000	52,000
Boxes - Australia.....	5,000	10,000	37,000
Boxes - New Zealand.....	-	1,500	-
Boxes - United States.....	-	200	1,600
Boxes - Argentina.....	700	1,500	1,400

"Weekly Fruit Intelligence Notes", British Empire Marketing Board.

The following prices for this week were converted at \$3.79 to the pound sterling against \$3.75 last week and \$4.86 at this time last year.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	1931		1932	
	Liverpool		Liverpool	
	April 1	March 30	April 6	April 6
APPLES	BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Albemarle Pippin, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	-	5.24	-	5.12-5.40
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	8.52-9.00	5.15-5.62	5.78-6.07	5.69-5.88
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.....	8.88-9.12	5.62-5.81	5.88-6.26	-
Utility, 2 inch.....	-	4.87-5.24	-	5.31
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	5.24-5.34	5.31-5.69	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.....	-	5.43-5.52	5.50-5.78	-
Unclassified, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.31-4.68	5.12-5.50	5.50-5.59
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in:	-	5.81	5.69-6.07	-
Winesap, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	-	4.59	-	4.74
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	5.34-5.43	5.12-5.21	4.93-5.31
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.....	-	4.59	4.93-5.31	-
Utility, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.....	-	4.96	4.93-5.31	-
Ben Davis, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.40	4.27-4.46	-
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.....	-	4.12-4.50	4.55-4.93	4.74
Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.12-4.50	3.98-4.27	-
York Imperial, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.68-5.06	-	4.93-5.31
Utility, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.....	-	-	-	5.31
Baldwin, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.21-4.40	4.93-5.31	-
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.....	6.57-7.06	5.34-5.52	4.93-5.31	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in:	7.18-7.63	4.12-4.21	4.55-4.93	-
U.S. Utility, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.02-4.50	-	4.46-4.83
Ben Davis, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	7.66	4.12-4.31	4.36-4.55	-
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.....	7.54	4.59	4.36-4.74	-
<u>BASKETS</u>				
Winesap, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.....	-	1.69	1.71	-
<u>BOXES</u>				
Winesap, Wash.				
Extra Fancy, 150/175.....	2.92-2.98	1.73-1.78	1.71-1.75	1.66
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller.....	2.74-2.92	1.69-1.73	1.66-1.71	1.56-1.66
Fancy, 150/175.....	2.80-2.86	1.59	1.56	-
Fancy, 188/smaller.....	2.74-2.80	1.69	1.56-1.61	1.56-1.61
C Grade, 188/smaller.....	2.68-2.74	1.50	-	1.42-1.52
Newtown, Oregon				
Extra Fancy, 150/175.....	3.28-3.41	3.00	2.28-2.37 _a	1.99-2.09 _a
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller.....	2.98-3.10	-	2.04-2.23 _a	1.94-2.13 _a
Fancy, 150/175.....	2.98-3.10	2.71	2.47-2.56 _b	1.94-1.99 _a
Fancy, 188/smaller.....	2.80-2.92	2.48	-	1.85-1.90 _a
Jonathan, Argentina				
Extra Fancy, 138/larger.....	-	-	-	2.66
Extra Fancy, 150/175.....	-	-	-	3.04-3.13
Delicious, Argentina				
Extra Fancy, 138/larger.....	-	-	-	3.22
Jonathan, South Africa				
Extra Fancy, 150/175.....	-	-	-	2.60-2.85
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller.....	-	-	-	2.85-3.04
Cox Orange, New Zealand...				
Standard, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	-	-	3.60-3.98
Plain, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	-	-	3.04-3.41
Dunn's Seedling, New Zealand				
Standard, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	-	-	2.28-2.47
Gravenstein, New Zealand				
Standard, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	-	-	1.71-2.09
Worcester Pearmain, New Zealand				
Standard, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	-	-	-	2.28-2.47

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Hood River about 38 cents higher. b/ Hood River.